

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 46 were pending in the Application at the time of examination. The previous allowance of Claims 1 to 46 was withdrawn and the Application was withdrawn from issuance. The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 6 to 10, 12 to 15, 17, 18, 20 to 24 26, 27, 29, 34 to 38, 40, 45 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the Sarkkinen reference in view of the Lagasse reference. The Examiner objected to Claims 2 to 5, 11, 16, 19, 25, 28, 30 to 33, 39 and 41 to 44 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but the Examiner indicated these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 3, 21, 22, 23, 24, 31, and 40, without prejudice. Applicants have amended Claims 2, 4, 16, 25, 30, 32, and 41 to place these claims in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended Claims 6, 8, and 12 to make these claims dependent on Claim 2, as amended. Applicants have amended Claims 26, 34, and 36, to make these claims dependent on Claim 25, as amended. Applicants have amended Claims 43 and 45 to make these claims dependent on Claim 41, as amended.

Consequently, Claims 2, 4 to 20, 25 to 30, 32 to 39, and 41, and 43 to 46 remain in the Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 6 TO 10, 12 TO 15, 17, 18, 20 TO 24
26, 27, 29, 34 TO 38, 40, 45 AND 46

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In light of these cancellations and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit the rejection of Claims 1, 6 to 10, 12 to 15, 17, 18, 20 to 24 26, 27, 29, 34 to 38, 40, 45 and 46 is now moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner objected to Claims 2 to 5, 11, 16, 19, 25, 28, 30 to 33, 39 and 41 to 44 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but the Examiner indicated these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended Claims 2, 4, 16, 25, 30, 32, and 41 to place these claims in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner indicated Claims 2, 4, 16, 25, 30, 32, and 41 would be allowable if so amended. Consequently Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 2, 4, 16, 25, 30, 32, and 41.

In addition, Applicants have amended Claims 6, 8, and 12 to make these claims dependent on Claim 2, as amended. Applicants have amended Claims 26, 34, and 36, to make these claims dependent on Claim 25, as amended. Applicants have amended Claims 43 and 45 to make these claims dependent on Claim 41, as amended. Consequently, Claims 5 to 15 and 17 to 20 now depend, directly or indirectly, on Claim 2, as amended, Claims 26 to 29 and 34 to 39 now depend, directly or indirectly, on Claim 25, as amended, Claim 33 depends on Claim 32, as amended, and Claims 43 to 46 now depend, directly or indirectly, on Claim 41, as amended. Therefore, Applicant

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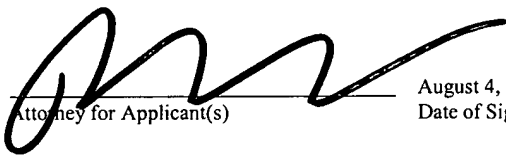
respectfully requests allowance of Claims 5 to 15, 17 to 20, 26 to 29, 33 to 39 and 43 to 46 as well.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending Claims 2, 4 to 20, 25 to 30, 32 to 39, and 41, and 43 to 46. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

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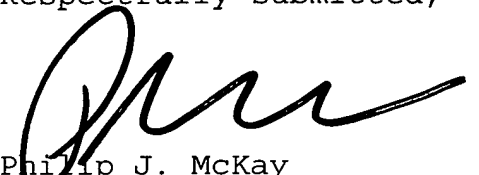
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